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Dear Bob,

Most of my computing is now done on my Apple II, but I still have my Bally sitting on the shelf mostly unused. I enjoy receiving your newsletter and got to thinking that I should probably attempt to implement some of your game programs on the Bally Keeping the Apple for business and other such needs (helps at tax time too). I have a problem however that you might be able to help with.

When I got my Bally it was one of the early ones and had a problem characterized by the machine putting garbage on the screen after a short period of time. The only way to recover is to turn off the machine. This is a problem when you are in the middle of keying in a program and it is bombed by the machine with no prior warning. I have been through all of the back copies of the newsletter looking for mention of the problem and how to fix it. I gather that the problem was quite common to early Bally units. I really don't want to go through the hassle of contacting the company since they don't really support the product and the store I got it from has stopped selling them. What I would like to know is if some of the parts from the spare boards you have could be used to solve my problem and make the Bally reliable again. I suspect the answer is yes, but I would like you to confirm that.

I have enclosed a SSAE for your reply (please don't publish this in the newsletter). If the answer is yes please reserve the necessary parts for me and I will send you a check in the next post.

Many thanks,

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